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Public Affairs Office Weekly Report July 23, 2020

Hot Issues:

PAO is coordinating with SEMD on a number of news releases for proposed plans at Superfund sites, including coordinating news releases and virtual public meetings.

News Releases:

July 22: Riverside Park Superfund Site Proposed Plan

Upcoming News Releases:

- Pesticides Warehouse Superfund Site Proposed Plan
- Imperial Oil Superfund Site Proposed Plan
- Hormigas Superfund Site deletion
- FMC Dublin Superfund Site deletion
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Upcoming Community Meetings:

- Hoosick Falls CPWG, July 22
- Unimatic Virtual Public Meeting, July 23
- Gowanus CAG Meeting, July 28
- Pesticide Warehouse 1 (PR) Virtual Public Meeting, July 30
- Riverside Industrial Virtual Public Meeting, August 5
- Imperial Oil Virtual Public Meeting, August 11

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Initials

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Past Week:

Sherwin Williams

On July 14 at the regular weekly meeting, EPA and Sherwin Williams received word from NJDEP that the issue with the eagle's nest has been resolved and that work on the next four properties in Voorhees will begin on August 3. Sherwin Williams is preparing a flyer for neighbors in the surrounding area to provide information about the next phase. (POC: Pat Seppi)

Pompton Lakes

EPA submitted comments to Chemours related to the on-site work that will be announced sometime this fall. The work will consist of issuing a permit modification and asking for public comment at a to-be-scheduled public meeting. (POC: Pat Seppi)

Rolling Knolls

EPA participated in call with the Rolling Knolls TAG recipient, Sally Rubin, to discuss her FOIA request. She has been given an extension of three months and is interested in all emails related to the Feasibility Study from 2014 until now. EPA suggested she narrow the scope of the request and just to include SMEs such as the project manager and counsel. (POC: Pat Seppi)

Route 203

Well installation is starting with well sampling anticipated in late July/early August. GE is conduct sampling to delineate the nature and extent of contamination at the Route 203 site in the Town of Nassau, New York under a legal agreement with EPA. EPA is overseeing the investigation field work, which began in March 2020 and will continue through summer 2020. A summary report of the investigation results is scheduled to be submitted to EPA in late 2020. The investigation results will be used to determine the scope of any additional investigation and/or cleanup activities at the site. (POC: Larisa Romanowski)

Grasse River

In April 2020, EPA modified its original cleanup plan through an Explanation of Significant Differences. The modification calls for removal of an additional 90,000 cubic yards of sediment from an area of the river near Snug Harbor, instead of capping. The dredging work began in late May and is currently planned to be completed in 2020. Capping and habitat reconstruction work will continue through next year. All in-river work is anticipated to be completed by 2022. (POC: Larisa Romanowski)

Tonawanda Coke Erie County Legislature

On July 16, EPA participated in the Erie County Legislature Government Affairs Committee meeting regarding Tonawanda Coke.

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Kevin Hardwick, member of the Erie County Legislature and Chairman of the Government affairs Committee chaired the meeting. Jon Williams with Riverview Innovation and Technology Campus, Inc. and the new owner of the TCC site, and John Black, Inventum Engineering described the RI/FS that is being accomplished at the site under NYSDEC guidance. Emily Terrana with Western New York Clean Air Coalition (WNYCAC) explained to the committee that they had some difficulties with areas to be sampled under the RI and were having discussions with their technical consultants and the new owners. Chad Staniszewski NYSDEC made brief comments about the RI underway at the facility. Mike Basile, EPA's CIC for TCC, also gave brief remarks about the 14-month cleanup that EPA was involved in and the current Section 108 asbestos abatement that EPA is currently providing oversight on. (POC: Mike Basile)

Newtown

On 7/15/20, EPA participated in the Newtown Creek virtual CAG meeting where approximately 82 attendees participated. EPA updated the CAG on the status of OU1, OU2 and OU3. EPA is currently reviewing the RI report for OU1, is working on a responsiveness summary for OU2, and is waiting for CSTAG comments on OU3. Lisa Baron, Project Manager, USACE, briefed the CAG on the role the USACE plays with regarding the navigational dredging of the creek. Ian Beilby, Chief, Division of Environmental Remediation, NYSDEC, briefed the CAG on the upland sites abutting the creek. NYSDEC to ensure that these sites are not sources of contaminants once an in-water remedy is implemented. EPA/DEC are still considering how this is best achieved. Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan and NYC Councilmember Levin also participated. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16.

Upcoming:

Imperial Oil

EPA is working to prepare a public notice and finalize the Proposed Plan for Imperial Oil. The virtual public meeting is scheduled for August 11, with the comment period beginning July 28, 2020 and ending August 28, 2020. (POC: Pat Seppi)

GM Massena

Work resumed at the GM site on June 1. The 2020 work includes site grading, groundwater treatment system construction and site maintenance. The outreach associated with the FYR is anticipated for the week of July 13 or July 20. (POC: Larisa Romanowski)

Regional Administrator's Pending Action Items:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date Sent to RA's Office</u>	<u>Required By/Due Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Kiryas Joel – RA to share letter sent to NYSDEC with Orange County attorney, Langdon Chapman	3/9/2020		Mary shared WD draft
Draft email to Joe Brazauskas re: Vieques/GAO Audit	6/23	ASAP	Sabina shared with RA via email
Email response to Bob Spiegel re: American Cyanamid	7/14	ASAP	Sabina shared with RA via email
Email response to ASW Galef re: Arsenic Mine land use questions	7/14	ASAP	Sabina shared with RA via email
Niagara Falls Boulevard factsheet and email to Schumer's staff	7/21	ASAP	Shereen shared with RA via email
Peninsula Boulevard factsheet	7/21	ASAP	Shereen shared with RA via email

Genesee Valley factsheet	7/21	ASAP	Shereen shared with RA via email
Osbourne Court factsheet	7/21	ASAP	Shereen shared via email
Tutu Wellfield factsheet	7/21	ASAP	Shereen shared with RA via email

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